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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Miller, John Vincent
- Jenkins, Alfred Blunt
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1900-01-19

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- Edison-Miller family
- TAE opinions and prejudices

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-Family
-Miller, Mina

My darling Mother.

In making a copy of your will so that in case it might miscarry we would have a copy of it I discovered the word (child) instead of (daughter) it makes it a little uncertain and Thomas thinks it better changed if you agree - Also below it says (and heirs) which of course is hardly what is meant by you and have marked that so you can change it. Poor darling it is so hard for you to have to do all this but after it is once done you can have no further annoyance about it – John is at the Jenkins's for the dinner and evening but I am expecting him home at any time now. I shall miss him immeasurably when he goes South. He has been great company for me – Will write soon –

Lovingly

January 19th 1900 Ulrica

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[FA001AAB], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, June 4th, 1900

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Mary Emily

Date
1900-06-04

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GLENMONT,
LLEWELLYN PARK.

My darling Mother.–

By this same mail I am sending the combined lists. Yesterday I worked and wrote so much that I did not write my letter to you. I had the boy at the laboratory type write the names and addresses thinking it would be cleaner and easier to handle than writing

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I hope it will be satisfactory and that soon the books will be in the hands of all those who loved, our darling. Ah, what a darling he was indeed! Can it be that we can never see him here again!

I am glad that Mary is to have an outing among her friends, it will do her good. People are beginning to get off now and the time does seem to fly. I dread the packing and settling but think that probably we shall have a fine summer. I sincerely trust that

we shall all keep well. Is there not some nice person that you know of that would make a fine nurse for baby. I have a nurse but I do not feel perfectly happy with her nor feel her to be reliable. Miss Mc. Williams is coming tomorrow to be with me a while so I shall feel that I have some interested person about my blessed baby. He is a darling and I cannot bear giving him up to people with whom I have no acquaintance. I am getting fussy in my

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middle life and inclined to be a little nervous for some reason but baby is very determined but as secret as anything could be, I made no comment on treatment for him.

Madeline's party was a grand success. She was radiant and pleased with everything. In the first place she received in the hall then as they came she sent them to me in the Dining room. We had the table and rug taken out and chairs all arranged for "Going to Jerusalem" and as they came in entered them immediately into the game which was easily done by adding chairs. Thus the awkward half-hour of getting started was avoided. After all had arrived, we played Spinning the Plate and selling forfeits. All enjoyed that. Then it seemed bright out of doors so all went out played at games and had a Potato Race, the boy and girl winning gaining a prize. We had another contest game out of doors. In the dining room was arranged two grab bags, one boys and one girls, with ribbons attached to favors inside. The Mother Goose rhymes were at the end of each ribbon cut in form of puzzles, so that after the favors were pulled they were to match for supper partners. The tables were in the Den. One long table, in the bay another and four small tables. There were forty children in all. The tables looked so pretty. The birthday cake had American flags and at each place was a flag representing every different nation. The silver candelabras were beautiful and the whole effect made a charming scene. We had wreaths for the little girls, buttonhole bouquets for the boys. The flags were stuck

in rolls of bread at each place. The children all seemed happy and thoroughly to enjoy the afternoon. I asked Madeleine whether the day came up to her expectation and she said it was better. Now Charles & Madeleine are busy preparing for parts in their play at School which comes off a week from today. Charles looks fine in his little Prince's costume. I wish you might see them.

Forgive my using torn sheets but I did not expect to write so long.

Mrs. Perrine took dinner with me Sunday. I went to church in the morning and Sunday School in the afternoon.

Goodnight. Lovingly & kisses, Mina.

June 4th 1900

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[FA001AAC], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, November 20th, 1900

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Miller, Harry Frederick
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1900-11-20

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
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- X-rays

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GLENMONT,
LLEWELLYN PARK.

My darling Mother.

It seems impossible to get settled to every day living again. The Fair kept us so busy that the relaxation tells upon us. I was more tired than I realized and now I feel good. for. nothing. The success of it has been great and we feel gratified but it was no small undertaking. Madeleine thinks she will not try another one very soon.

In the first place our little bags brought in over two hundred dollars and then the little girls had collected so many things. We held the Fair in the Den and dining room. We banked the square bay with plants and then made a light frame work forming a booth. The sides were hung in strands of smilax and the front with the same in the form of curtains. The top having a scallop all around. Two tables were placed there, the Art and Fancy. Carol Douglass and Madeline taking charge. When the outside door is was the toy table. We banked the

corner with plants then ran a wire from the sides of table to the Chandelier forming a V with a square top then a straight piece across & a little lower for hanging things upon. It was wound with smilax, the effect being very pretty and Marie Cozzens, a pretty little girl, took charge. The large bay was made into a little tea room, Japanese and Mrs. Foster made it very pretty with Japanese screens and lanterns, cushions, etc. The two little girls in that being dressed in Japanese fashion. The fire place in filled with hemlock boughs and a long table placed before that for flowers and candy. It looked very pretty. Eleanor Hawxhurst and Katherine Browning having that in charge. All the tables we covered and draped in this crinkled paper, finding some white with a green border thus making the effect of the whole room green and white. It looked very, very pretty with the picturesque gypsy tent just outside in the dining room. We had the boiling kettle making it very realistic by using a red electric light lamp under a pile of fagots. The basket at the door was in charge of our little boy, the lemonade in charge of Jack Pettit, X ray Charles, a raffling doll Austin's little boy, while Austin circulated the announcement of Automobile and pony rides for ten cts.

Auto. made $35.0 Lemonade $7.50 X ray $7.58

Gypsy camp $16.00, Candy $15.90, Toy $46.00, Fancy & Art. $87.00, Flowers $38.00; Tea room $3.00, the rest came through the bags. I think altogether $225.00.

Harry Miller is coming out for dinner tomorrow evening. I suppose he is after some work but Thomas Alva says he has nothing for him. He is not very attractive I must say. Today I am going to take luncheon at the Country Club with Mrs. Colgate and then go down to Madeleine's dancing class, at four o'clock to a meeting at the Ass. Charities, so you see my day is full. I am also looking up a maid, and waitress. How is the cook doing at home and how about Benjamin? Write me all the home particulars. Is the Diphtheria scare over? Madeleine was pleased to get Mary's and Grace's letters. She will write no doubt in due time. We are having regular summer here.

Well, darling, let me hear from you as often as it is

not burdensome. - With love and thanks to all, Lovingly Minnie.

Nov. 20-1900

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[FA001AAE], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to J A Bradley, January 15th, 1903

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Bradley, J A

Mentioned
Miller, Ira Mandeville

Date
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GLENMONT,
LLEWELLYN PARK.

J. A. Bradley
Dear Sir:

Received note for $2500 from Mr. Ira M. Miller January 15th 1903

Yours truly
Mina M. Edison

January 15-1903

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Title
[FA001AAD], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, August 24th, 1902

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- West Orange Laboratory
- Edison Cement Works (Stewartsville)
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Upton, Margaret Storm (Mrs Francis R.)
- Edison, Theodore Miller

Date
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- Electric battery

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Laboratory, Sunday, 8 P.M.

My darling Mother -

Charles and I walked down here with Alva and he has called in several so our stay here is indefinite - We went up to Stewartsville yesterday morning and brought our darling down with us in the evening but sad to relate he leaves us again in the morning. I dread to have him go but he is making fine progress with the cement works so I am hoping that he will soon be through up there. Then he starts on battery works which is going to keep him busy for some time to come. Poor dear he does not get through with one before another problem is before him. His stomach is hurting him some again and I am sure it is because he is tired. Well I am in for another week

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of disagreeableness - worse than last in fact as I am going to discharge my fiends and I shall have the pleasure of looking up new. oh if only one could get some nice people and then have them all the time but it seems that we are to have no such comforts as that.

No ring has been found and there is no one you can put your finger on & say that is the person for it is barely possible it went down the pipes and that the revolver was taken by some of the painters that are working on the dining room. I am torn in mind but still happy while my darling is here. I dread the servant question and it about gives me a nightmare. There is always hope of the ring but the upsetting of your household seems to be always before you.

Little Charles is sweet and tries to be a little comforter, tries to say bright things and change my mind with other subjects. It is a dreary time for him I am afraid.

That darling baby. I think it will be better to get a little straightened out here before he comes back. The dining room being out of use makes things very awkward and Alexander going makes things even worse. The week before me haunts me. If only Ellen stays by me I will feel better but Augusta has upset her I fear. It will be too bad if such is the case. I shall feel like absolutely giving up. But that only shows how weak I am. Think of others. I ought to be ashamed and am.

John writes me so seldom and Edith evidently has given me up as I have had nothing from her for some time.

Mrs. Upton has been a great comfort to me. I am so glad to have her. The poor woman has the hard time and when I see her I am absolutely ashamed of myself.

Grace comes back from Nova Scotia the last of this week. I do hope I may have a little of her but she is going to Ethel Wilkinson's for a visit. I was cheated out of my visit to the Maine coast and was terribly disappointed but things seemed in such a mix that I gave it up. Poor little Charles was disappointed too but as brave as possible never grumbling a moment.

I am going one day [illegible] write him about him – 5

Well darling good-night – kiss that blessed for me – God bless you all –

Lovingly Mama.

Aug. 24 - 1902 -

I thought of darling Theodore yesterday and am so sorry not to have sent word to put extra flowers on his grave –

I must write a short note to Ida –

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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Mary Emily

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Munn, Orson Desaix
- Chadbourne, Edwin Ruthvin
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Searles, Jennie

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LLEWELLYN PARK

My darling Mother and Mary—

Both of your letters were great pleasures to me. Oh, how I do love to get your letters. Time seems so long between them and life seems twice as bright after the mail has been with news from you all. I do not understand, however, this continued bed resting. Are you both ill? I am extremely sorry to know of your having taken cold Mother dear. Why are you so imprudent when trusted to look after yourself.

'til all right — in Pasadena — His sister is always with him — Archie is still busy as possible on his automobile and Madeline's club is a great source of entertainment. There has been no sign of her friends as yet. It seems very strange. I wish I could send a couple on to you from some place. I shall go over to Ellis Island and see if there is not some one there you could train in. It seems strange when all the girls are nowadays — Tonight I leave the

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Please be careful, dearie, for all of our sakes. Keep up good cheer both of you for it is better to be bright than downcast. Things will brighten and all come right yet. Edward is just having a mood and we cannot help these things and after they have blown over all the matters will clear up. Dont worry yourselves sick over it for it is nothing you can be blamed for and the boys are bound to see the folly of their ways if we simply keep cheerful with them and try to ignore their troubles. It is easy for me out here to talk I suppose but I do feel that the more we dwell on the unpleasant side of things the farther we get away from reconciliation. Some may influence both and I believe there is a

great deal in mind over matter theory. It is indeed too bad that the boys cannot agree but after a while when their interests are entirely independent of one another it will be much better. I think Grace might write to me occasionally too. She has more time this year than last but I get no more letters. I wish you both or all could have been with me today. Dr. Chadbourne has been in town for a week or so and the other day telephoned out that he wanted to see me. On account of his lungs he is very careful about tunnels, etc. so could not come out here. We arranged at that meeting we had on Monday that I would bring the children in today. I took Theodore early and had some work done for him. We took dinner together at the Holland. After being seated a few moments Theodore said "We have not had Grace, Mamma." He was so sweet about it. Then he took a few pennies & five-cent pieces out of his safe before starting. When in

Schwartz his little hand dived down into his coat pocket and he drew out this money - Engines attracted him first. He asked how much one after the other was and they were all over four dollars - He never hesitated but went on looking for something he liked that came within his amount - At last I said to Miss Jennie make the next thing five cents. She did so and Theodore immediately gave her the money and took the article. It never dawned upon him that I might get it for him but gave up each time the thing he wanted until the article cost what to him was all he could pay - It is a treat and a joy to watch the workings of their little minds. He was as happy as could be all day and as good as gold - Madeleine and Charles came in later and we all went to see the Dr. at four - He started for Pasadena this evening - He enquired after you all and was shocked to hear of Jennie's and Theodore's death - He [illegible] darlings. He is in poor health

full force as in the summer with the addition of Ellen - I never count on anything remaining the same two days in succession - Last evening Mr. Scolfield and Edith took dinner with us. We played Bridge and had the astounding suggestion offered by Mr. Scolfield that he ~~should~~ come up often for me to teach him Bridge. Think of it - I happened to be away ahead. He is very much distressed that Edith does not come to some decision - Talked to me about it while Edith went up stairs - Mrs. Upton's brother died the other day - The Mallory's seem in better condition at the present writing - Mr. Munn has invited Theo and Alva and me for dinner but my darling will not go - I have to send regrets and it breaks me all up - I ~~should~~ love to go - Last year he had me come any way but it may not work the second time - Mrs. Browning had a Tea last Tuesday at which I received and the Woman's Club had their first meeting at which I served ~~at~~ the tea - I am on the House Committee - Building Committee meeting tomorrow night. Mr. Knowles will arrive in Akron Sunday morning on the Erie I think. I will send a letter of introduction to him. I shall not bind myself to any given amount but as I can help from time to time I shall do so - Do you not think that my best plan? The interior of the church is extremely attractive - I do not fully like the exterior. Mr. Naffin had not returned as yet so could not get the data for Automobile. I was down to his town one day - Next week our first D.A.R. meeting occurs. Mrs. Hill arrives on Saturday from England for a month's visit - Mrs. Colgate & I am going over to meet her - Mrs. Brown comes out twice a week to give us French but I fear that we can not get in more than once a week with all the things there are to do - I may go to New York again tomorrow to do some work -

Well darlings, goodnight - Be happy for everything will turn soon and be all right - With oceans of love -

Lovingly Mina.

Oct. 8-1903

P.S. Please send me something for cones -

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Title

[FA001AAG], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, Mary Emily Miller, November 22nd, 1903

Author

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Mary Emily

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Upton, Margaret Storm (Mrs Francis R.)
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Grace A

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GLENMONT,
LLEWELLYN PARK.

My darling Mother, Mary & Grace.

It seems a long time since I have heard from home some way- Last week was so long- Mrs. Hill was with me Wednesday and Thursday, Friday and until Saturday morning- Wednesday I had a dinner of ten for her Thursday Mrs. Goodrich came for luncheon and the afternoon Mr. & Mrs. Reazor I had in for dinner- Friday, Mrs. Hill went to Montclair for the day and the

sad times. I am sorry for them. I must write to Johnny so will say good night- Write oceans of love from
Lovingly.
Mina-
Nov 22-1903

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evening we had our visit alone - Saturday morning she went to her brother-in-laws. Friday afternoon I spent behind or in the candy booth at the Memorial Hospital Fair also Saturday afternoon. Madeleine sold Magazines for the same cause. In the mean time I have given Katherine up for a nursery Governess and Lizzie is being changed - Baby called me to him just now and said "I tell, you what I want now Mamma is a bunny and a Blood Hound" - I want to hound on Caffy's trail" - "You know they are good for trails" - Dear little man asks for her so often and con-

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stantly asking when she is coming to see him - He thinks she can bring her little baby and live in the billiard room. The first morning he woke about 20 minutes of six and cried as though his little heart would break wanting "Caffy" - I think Katherine felt pretty bad about leaving him. Lizzie & Ellen do not agree and as Lizzie is more or less dissatisfied with country life in winter she seems the better to part with - Strange girls can't be contented - It does not seem possible that thanksgiving is upon us - nearly Christmas - Now Mother darling, dont think or worry about Christmas - We have no particular wants. Madeleine's wants are, Ruthless Rhymes for Heartless Homes - Little gold chain for the neck, (small or fine) - any dutch silver piece as she is making a dutch silver collection. Charles is making a collection of skins - Pen knife - pictures - books Seton-Thompson's new - etc. Theodore engines, wires, tools, etc. Never mind the rest of us, make Christmas for the children. I dont know one thing to send you all this year - I will send pies & cake to Johnny also a box with some other things in it. Try to get them off Tuesday morning - Dear old John I wish he could come down for Christmas. He probably will - May I expect you all to come here? This morning we attended the Swedenborgian church and heard a very fine sermon. Mrs. Perrin was not out for church - I do not know the trouble. She is a great woman. Mrs. Upton is expecting to get into her house by the first of December - Is it not sad about Mrs. Chester Massey? They do seem to have such

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Title

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Author

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Mary Emily

Mentioned

- Munn, Orson Desaix
- Bruch, Charles Patterson
- Colgate, Richard Morse
- Upton, Margaret Storm (Mrs Francis R.)
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Bradshaw, John Hammond
- Bradley, J A
- Bergmann, Sigmund
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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GLENMONT
LLEWELLYN PARK

My darling Mother, Mary, Grace & Lewis.

It certainly is too bad to have such unpleasantness and to feel that business is so foreign to any sentiment but darling it is probably all right as they have to give the value of the land - I think it would be wise to ask Mr. Bradley about getting out the separate deeds as was suggested when we were home. Thomas is away but will probably be home tomorrow and if he'd offer us any suggestions I will write

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to you right away but Mother dear dont you get worried and tired over it for it will surely come out all right. I would push the boys and get some of the land sold on the top of the hill as quickly as possible — It seems to me Richard would be a good adviser for you and if they get some strong man to represent your side in the matter when these three men decide it will probably be the best thing all around. The thing, I should think, would be to keep before them the value of the front lots and push the sales of the other lots on the top the hill in the rear.

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Little Theodore's tooth came out that night on the train, the last thing before he went to sleep — He rested well but I think the two trips back and forth were a little hard for him — He does not seem very well some way and very pale — Dr. Bradshaw says that he is anemic and has given him a tonic. He has taken a strong aversion to going to school and I am or have been having quite a siege with him — I have no one for him as yet and really dont feel like giving him over to anyone but of course it will be too irregular for him, I am afraid. Then too I want him to get a language. You all better come on here to live and I guess they can get things settled up there pretty soon if they will only set to. Mr. & Mrs. Colgate & Miss Blankenship were in for dinner last evening or evening before and

Mr. Munn called this afternoon. He was or is a dear old man. He inquired carefully after you, mother dear and thinks you a mighty fine woman. The Bergmann's are coming over Saturday for luncheon and then we are going up to Mrs. Brown's for a sale. Mrs. Brown has lost her sister recently. The corner stone of the church was laid the other day. I am having father's photograph and the book "Chautauqua Movement" put into the box. Thomas's picture, phonograph cylinder with "Lead kindly light" and the two battery plates are among the numerous articles. It was a very fine service. A Dr. Locke, a class mate of Charlie Buchis gave the address and told me of the acquaintance ship with our family. It was a great surprise and pleasure to have

one from our friends take the leading part.

Mathurine is on East making a visit and baby has been too happy in seeing her. She gave him his bath and put him to bed tonight. He would not let her out of his sight. She looks well. Ellen is back and has fallen into line again. She is a comfort. Mrs. Upton is having a hard time as she suffers so from the treatment they are giving her at these baths she is at. Poor woman. Walter Mallory's mother died last Friday night and his little

Margaret has typhoid. Her fever has run for 42 days and went high today 104½. They are worried about her. It seems so strange that they stick to this same doctor. I think he must be a stick.

Well darlings, goodnight. I wish you were nearer so we could run in to you and talk together.

Tell me all about the school and everything.

Your loving daughter + sister.

Mina.

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GLENMONT
LLEWELLYN PARK

My darling Mother.

Just a note before retiring - Thomas Alva is at the laboratory and has been there ever since early this morning - His battery is giving him trouble and he is leading a slave's life again. He says he hopes that there will be no batteries in heaven.

This week is a full one as we are to entertain the Chinese commission to the St. Louis Exposition - He

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comes Tuesday when a dinner will be given before him in the evening. Wednesday will be devoted to showing him the laboratory and sights. In the evening the lectures. Thursday the ladies take him in hand and give him a dinner at the Country Club. It is the Ranger Club who entertains him and I am giving him house room. Mr. Munn wanted us for dinner Thursday too so you see it is pouring this week - I have a luncheon with Mrs. Crane on hand for tomorrow in New York - The Mining Engineers invited us too for dinner Tuesday and to go down the

Hudson river but we go to neither. The Marquis we expected for dinner the other evening sprained his ankle and could not get out. Edith was all arrayed for him and it was a keen disappointment for us all - Madeleine, Margaret and Edith had their fun out of it. Tell Mary I have no Photograph of Father that I can send to this book concern so if she has not sent one will she please do so - The address is

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Washington, D.C.

Well darling - goodnight - We are all well and

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for Lew to sell off back lots and Bennie I think as well as John that it will be allright if he does not want too much Commission so that your gain is small.

All send love – I shall be sorry to see the old mound gone but perhaps ~~one~~ would do not notice it much.

Goodnight –

Lovingly Minnie

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GLENMONT
LLEWELLYN PARK

My darling Mother and two sisters.

After nearly four days with Madeleine I returned this afternoon to a very sweet family - Charles met me with the auto in Newark and had William have fires and afternoon tea for me - He is a sweet boy - Papa and Theodore were at the Laboratory busy but left their interesting occupation when I went to them to say how do you do and came up to the house with us. John met me at the door, all giving me a warm welcome. The house was so warm and bright with the (great) grate fires and beautiful flowers. Frank is simply outdoing all the gardeners about in keeping his family supplied with the charming companions of nature. Our green houses are filled to the utmost and he is so interested, ambitious and busy - Madeleine dear, was indeed glad to see me and was loathe to let me go - Now I wish I had taken the airless, sunless, spaceless room of East Pembrook Hall for her but when we were down there the conditions were not so marked and we both thought it would be better to take the more comfortable room - There is a decided feeling about the halls which I think

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extremely unwholesome but so long as that is the Hall I wish Madeline had ~~sacrificed~~ sacrificed her health and all hopes of rosy cheeks to be in it. She will not admit that she would like to be there but notwithstanding there is the undercurrent of feeling that she is not in with just the finest in college. It is anything but a democratic college. In fact many of the girls are snobbish. She has lovely girls with her in Rockefeller too don't misunderstand me and says that she likes them better than the girls in Pembroke but I feel sure that she would be happier in the other hall. Perhaps these girls will cling together and make Rockefeller Hall felt as it never has been before. I think the feeling with this class has been more decidedly marked on account of several unfortunate instances, one of them was that Miss Thomas has a niece just entered and also a niece of Henry James is a Freshman. These two girls were in Rockefeller. They decided that they would like to room together and in East Pembroke Hall. It seems there was a girl in Pembroke who had a double suite but no roommate. Miss Thomas deposed her putting her in West Pem and gave the room to the two nieces. All

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or many of the girls were indignant at that and hence feeling ran rife. It is too bad and I think brings in a very poor spirit. Now Madeline says the members of the class in East Pembroke want to run the whole class and Madeline is taking the other stand and is very much opposed to having the one clique to have all-sayings with Madeline but you see where it stands. Wellesley I imagine had none of this and it one thing I think is a perfect shame for Bryn Mawr. They imbibe that feeling from their very president. Thursday night was a "Lantern Night." The sophomores present the freshmen with their lanterns and for the first time the freshmen put on their caps & gowns. The wonderful library is just finished and they have a cloister the same as at Oxford College, Eng. After the juniors call for you, you are escorted to the top of the wall around this cloister; All is dark but one or two dim lights in the cloister. Mysteriously a gleam of light is seen issuing from a door, where silently and monk like over one hundred girls march solemnly in two by two taking their positions in a semicircle about a fountain which is playing in the middle of the court. Not a sound is heard, all have been hushed and are waiting + listening, breathlessly with tears glistening in their eyes for the first sound of the Sophomore Lantern Song - Way off in the distance it is heard and then the class enters by either side of the cloisters meeting in the middle then forming themselves immediately in front of the freshmen. - They finish their song then each hands his lantern to a freshman, thus making her a full academic member of the college, afterwards they bunch themselves about the fountain and then sing the special lantern song running afterwards to the cloisters. - As soon as their position is taken the freshmen start in with their new lantern song which has never been heard then form in double line again singing constantly while marching over the campus and through the various buildings. In the meantime all the other classes have been gathering under the Pembroke Arch where they wait for the freshmen. - Guests are all taken the best of care. - At last the poor, tired freshmen are heard and they slowly and wearily march into view. When they have completed the square, which the four classes form, the sophomore's sing their class song of welcome then the juniors, then the seniors ending with the new and pretty, very pretty freshmen's song. - I think Madeleine's class song is the prettiest of them all. - They then start in

with the class song of '97 continuing on upwards ending by again hearing the freshmen in theirs. - Including all the cheers, etc. that takes place we have stood all evening long and feel ready to drop after a standing posture during the afternoon in witnessing an exciting hockey game. Miss Rand gave us a chocolate after the game and we had Ira Dodge with us during the evening. - Mrs. Gregory and Margaret arrived just too late to see the receiving of the lanterns but heard the singing. - Friday I went with Madeleine to her lectures after seeing Mar Sloane off on the train who was our guest. - She could not remain for the rest of the term much to my regret as I enjoyed her very much.

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Friday afternoon another[6] Hockey game then Madeleine had a few in to tea in her room. In the evening was the great Sophomore play given in honor of the freshmen. All went off beautiful and cheering by means of class calls until all classes were hoarse. Madeleine came to me for the night and Saturday morning Miss Rand gave a room breakfast. Such scrambling, outside of scrambled eggs, you can not imagine. Half a dozen girls doing the honors and sitting about on the floor, etc. Madeleine & I then hurried into Philadelphia to see about a costume for her in the evening. Miss Rand had invited her to go to the dance and she was in the play of the evening before appearing in a most elaborate suit of Louis XVI period. We found one just the thing for Madeleine. She therefore appeared at this fancy dress ball given by the sophomores in honor of the freshmen.[7] All had a grand time at the ball. There was a play given Saturday afternoon and a reception at which Miss Thomas and a Sir George Perkins were present but instead of returning for that, Madeleine was so tired, that we just stayed in Philadelphia and went to hear Irving. We enjoyed that.

Sunday morning we took breakfast with Miss Washburn and Miss Passmore. They did things up in a little better style but still you do not forget that you are in college atmosphere or rather it seems more like boarding-school atmosphere.

Madeleine came into Philadelphia with me and we parted at two. Dear little girl has a lingering homesickness most of the time. I did feel sorry to leave her. She is to meet us Sat. and we are going to the Yale-Princeton game at Princeton and then she is coming home with us after the game. ~~Rel.~~ Kelsey is taking. I am going as chaperone. We are taking the automobile - It will be more comfortable than by crowded trains. Charles takes us and John is taking some of his friends.

Well, darlings, are you completely tired out. You can read what you want of it and leave the rest.

I have a busy week a head of me and I am to have considerable settling of matters -

With quantities of love to all

Lovingly Mina.

Nov. 11-1906.

Pretty nigh unto 13th

Mrs. Edison

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GLENMONT
LLEWELLYN PARK

My darling Mother

You and the girls must not worry about the Phonograph. There are ten Phonographs sold to one of the Victor and it is all right - Dont worry a moment about the Phonographs, they are now 85000 Phonographs behind their order and are shipping 8000 a week - They are getting out 83000 records a day and have not room enough so are putting up great buildings to take care of the business - There is a day force and a night force now - I dont think this sounds discouraging

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Now as to Glendale - Thomas thinks you ought to take the ten thousand dollars and be happy in it - Most of the land is undesirable in the ravine and you might lose your chance to dispose of it - We are no worse off than many others - Mr. Scott here in Orange could not get anywhere near the price he paid for his home and it is a very desirable place & house. So don't be unhappy on that score for I think you have done well and are doing well with what you have - I think it most advisable to sell off plots as fast as you can - I want you to sell and have the use of the money then come East. If we cannot get all that Father darling valued the place at it would be better to get what we can and not have the

taxes Eating us up and causing the great worry all the time. Life is too short to spend the best part of it in worry - My opinion and dearie's is to have a little less with the joy of peace.

Madeline came home this afternoon with a Miss Thompson and Paul Jones is here for the night - Marie Coggins and George Sloane called for a few moments. They are living in New York - Marie looked very stunning and happy. I do hope Madeline will get a little of that Ease and "aplomb" which the Dobbs girl seems to take on -

The children are coming up - I shall have to say goodnight. Enclosed is an amount that I trust will help out in various places -

Wishing you all a happy thanks-giving & with love to all -

Mrs. Burch is coming to me sometime next week. Miss Hess is with me. Theodore is about well again of his Bronchitis and Charles is much better of his run down condition - There was nothing tangible about his trouble, simply thin, lackadaisical, and constantly weary. Pale and a bad cough - He is seemingly all right now -

Yours Lovingly
Mina.

Nov. 28-1906

Glendale

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In and About Salem - (1907)

Salem Massachusetts proved itself to be most interesting to us notwithstanding Hawthorne's discouraging account of his native town when he said: "It has a flat unvaried surface, covered chiefly with wooden houses, few or none of which pretending to Architectural beauty - its irregularity which is neither picturesque or quaint only tame - its long lazy street lounging wearisomely through the whole extent of the peninsula with its Gallows Hill and New Guinea at one end and a view of the alms-house at the other.

Two years ago it was our privilege to take a most charming trip which was full of interest - Contrary to Hawthorne this little town had its fascination for us and it is one that will long linger in our memory with its many attractions and delightful surroundings - If one is fortunate to secure as interesting a young man for a driver as was our lot this town and its surroundings indeed live up to their reputation. He was as unique as the country about being full of its traditions and telling them in a most realistic manner and most entertainingly - He well represented ~~in this respect~~ the people of his town - It would be difficult to go astray in this particular as even the blind seem to have a special providence these days, as if in atonement for the ill treatment of their ancestors; a friend was telling me that she had a guide over the town for several hours and did not know that he was unable to see until she gave him his money expecting change. Our first excursion was a drive along the North Shore just out of Salem through those famous watering places of Massachusetts It was a great surprise to me in realizing how short the distance was from Salem to Beverly Farms, Magnolia into Manchester by the Sea and Gloucester, they seeming almost like one place reminding me of the Oranges.

We passed numerous fine homes with their beautiful woods and commanding views of the Sea - Taking dinner at Manchester by the Sea we went to the shore where our driver told us we would hear the "singing sand". There are only two places in the world where this "singing sand" is heard which Emitting a sound very like the friction of rubber - This uncanny condition of the beach seems singularly appropriate in its close proximity to Salem - Marble head is just off the drive but can be seen -
With Lynn, Swampscott and other resorts in the opposite direction Salem makes a good center for visiting these various points if one would not expect a Waldorf-Astoria for headquarters -

When one considers that Salem together with Marble head and Gloucester could boast of being larger than Boston and the third city in the United States in 1790 - that in 1880 Salem alone was larger than either Newark or Pittsburgh, we are not so much surprised to find the town so full of interest with its churches, museums, and historical points and that it was the literary centre -

The people of Salem must indeed be proud to have on their annals men such as: Hawthorne, Prescott the historian, Pierce the mathematician, W. W. Story the sculptor and one of our own sex Maria S. Cummins author of the Lamplighter. While Longfellow, Holmes, Whittier, Bayard Taylor, and others of equal note have also contributed ~~to the interest~~ ~~of~~ to the place and its vicinity.

One can spend days in the town itself - Essex Street alone presenting one interesting feature after another -

The little old first church, which Longfellow has immortalized in his tragedies of New England, stands back from the street and is most charming in its quaintness - It is extremely small with the old fashioned high pulpit and side gallery where all the dignitaries were accustomed to sit - You could imagine about you Governor Endicott, Cotton Mather, Samuel Paris, the too credulous minister, making their terrible accusations against the innocent which brought most vividly before us those awful days of witchcraft.

Just in front of the little church is the Essex institute with its historical paintings, portraits and relics. The house itself is of the old and interesting type with an old armor Hall upstairs and a tiny curious smoking room with some novel arrangement for the Escape of smoke. It seems wholly incongruous with present arrangements when one takes into account the fact that the whole half a a ferryboat is given over to the smokers. There were many relics in this building and one impressed us very strikingly of bygone days when we saw a trunk the size of the present hat trunk which belonged to a Young Harvard student and was large enough to hold his entire wardrobe for the term at college. It certainly gave strong evidence of the change in the times.

We next visited Plummer Hall a fine building Erected with funds bequeathed by Miss Caroline Plummer standing on the site of Prescott's birthplace containing the Salem Athenaeum Library of great value. ~~Near it is~~ the Peabody Academy of Science with its natural history collection was a great source of pleasure - It was endowed by Mr. Geo Peabody with $150,000 when he last visited the United States. He was a man very unlike Hawthorne having a natural affection for his native town dying with the request to be brought back home for burial - When England was ready to confer almost any honor upon him - His obsequies were celebrated in West Minster Abbey - In the museum you see the pencilled Portrait of Queen Victoria which was presented to him by her after offering him the baronetcy which he declined -

Hawthorne could not name his sentiment for Salem he thought he was better off without Salem and its inhabitants and Salem better off without him. However there is a vast difference between success and struggling - Poor Hawthorne was endeavoring to be happy under circumstances entirely foreign to his nature -

The East India Marine Society was an organization formed of those captains or supercargoes who had doubled Cape Horn or the Cape of Good Hope. The museum of this Society which is now placed in charge of the trustees of the Peabody Academy of Science is one of the most interesting and valuable in this country. This calls to mind the wealth and great prosperity of Salem with is commercial interest and its India trade being noted in the beginning for its foreign commerce.

In 1785 the first vessel was sent from this country to the Isle of France, Calcutta and China was under the charge of Mr. Elias Haskitt Derby of Salem. For years Salem almost held the monopoly of that trade. The trade to the other ports of East India and Japan was also commenced by ~~its~~ merchants, ~~of Salem~~ as was that to Madagasgar and Zanzibar. The foreign commerce of Salem is now small but the coasting trade is large and increasing. Manufacturing seems to be taking the place of the old business and apparently most successfully for seven national banks and two savings banks with five insurance

Companys for a town the size of Salem speaks for itself -

One would think the above notoriety quite sufficient for one small town but we pass on to Derby wharf where the old Custom stands in which Hawthorne was employed for several years - It was the scene of the introduction to the Scarlet Letter and near there the quaint gambreled-roofed house in which he was born - Does it not seem a fitting place for the birth of such a man and might not the surroundings be responsible for some of his strange writings. Not far from his home is the Rodger Williams House in which Rodger Williams resided - You see there the old fashioned chimney through which we walked when we passed from the front of the house, which is now a drug store, to the rear. Here is said to be the place where the witches were examined and from where the sentence was passed upon them to be put to death on ~~the~~ gallows on Watch Hill not far distant -

The old cemetary where two of these witches are buried is full of very queer inscriptions. one of which is

Depart my friends dry up your tears,
Here I must lie till Christ appear:
Death is a debt to nature due
I've paid the debt and, so must you.

Our driver was a fine guide here and made it seem most doleful as you could almost feel in him the superstition of those early days. We are indebted to Hawthorne for much of the romance in and about Salem. There is considerable dispute among the townspeople which house is the one of the "House of the Seven Gables fame - However there is one family that is making the most of their opportunity and the humble house is pointed out to you as the one ~~which~~ ~~is~~ supposed to have belonged to Hawthorne's friend who is Phoebe of the book and about which hangs all the traditions. It is a low rambling house with its various elevations, ~~and~~ the large front room as you enter is where Hawthorne, in passing, saw his friend asleep and entering exclaimed - "You looked as though you were dead" - About this his imagination played and modelled it into the death scene of Judge Pincheon on his vigil. Winding Stairs lead you to an elevation upon which are two small rooms, one of which is pointed out to you as Clifford's room with its balcony. Mounting two or three more steps you are in Hepzibah's apartments quite large with deep window seats where you might well imagine a prim maiden lady as possessor. Ascending a rickety old stairway you reach the garret with its gables and which Holgrave is supposed to have occupied.

At present there are but four gables of the original seven.

Upon looking out of the window into the old fashioned garden you see the maidens of & youths playing tennis and you more fully realize that other changes have come to the old house.

We paid our fee which took away much more of the romance and wended our way through short narrow but well kept streets to the station. Pitting my opinion against that of our worthy Hamiltons I would advise all to visit this curious old town when opportunity ~~might~~ arises.

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LLEWELLYN PARK

My darling Mother, Mary and Lewis.

I am sorry that Lew has such a cold but trust that ere this he is all right again - I have just put Theodore to bed and it is five minutes of ten, think of the dissapation! Can you imagine what would be the cause? Madeleine is at home with two friends & we have asked others in to dance a little while tonight and it has been a very gay evening so you allowed Theodore to stay down a little while - I danced as when I was sixteen as I felt gay and frivolous with the rest of them and I did not have the restraining eye of my unapproving husband near me as he is down at the laboratory this evening - The fact of the matter is that I had to be a man as the men did not ar-

ner until very late but are here
now so I came up with Theodore
and thought that I would put in
a few moments writing to you -
I am to serve the ice cream when
the time arrives - After dancing
so hard I feel sleepy -
Tomorrow we go to the opera and
in the evening Mrs. Cooper wants
me to come into the opening
evening of the Architects League.
I am very desirous of going but
I dont for a moment suppose that
my darling will consent to go and
I do not like to go without him - It
would seem strange I fear - Madeline
wants to go - I am going to try to
find out how one should dress
for that occasion as I dont know
and it rather worries me for fear
we would be inappropriately gowned -
The thing I would like would be if
Thomas would go in - We remain
one night and I take him to Doctor
Deal for his ears and then take the
girls to hear some fine preacher, .
afterwards a sacred concert by
Damrosch - But he wont - Next -

is full, full again and I am going to give a
luncheon on Friday if possible - The thing I am
trying to do is to get everything in before going
South and then have one grand loaf - Won't
it seem blissful after one gets good and tired.
I feel so gay and so I must put in good time
while it last. Make hay while the sun shines - I
had a letter from Marion she is happy, Tom
seems happy - Edie says she loves me and all
the letters from home are the same dear messages.
Grace's letter was a surprise and joy - She writes so
seldom - Everybody at this moment has a big place
in my heart! Sometimes one feels as though
they could do so much and then the next a-
way down in the depths - If I could only get rid
of one, my worst enemy, I would be oh, so grateful.
I wish you could see the beautiful snap-dragons
that are on the book case over Thomas's chair.
So beautiful and I know how much they would
please you - It is drawing near ice cream
time so I must go - With oceans of love -
Devotedly Mina - January 31 - 1908 -
Darling Theodore was not forgotten, yesterday's birthday.

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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Edison Phonograph Works
- Baldwin Locomotive Works
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Madeleine
- Lippincott, Jesse H

Date
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GLENMONT
LLEWELLYN PARK

My darling Mother-

You must keep Miss Higgins right along - Now please do not let her go - She can help Mary a great deal and it will make me happier - Please do this for me - I shall pay the expenses - Please remember what I say and do this for me - Poor Lewis needs some one too, so keep her. How, how I wish that you were here and getting ready to go South with us. Can't you come and go with us? I am sure it would be an easier trip from here than to go from Akron the way you did before - It would get you out of this wretched weather.

Madeleine has done nicely in her Examinations and we are all proud of her - She wrote a dear letter today - I will send it on and then you can return it also Charlsie's last letter - I will send their letters then you can return them if you would like me to -

Have you no other Kimona than that one I sent at Christmas time? I thought I sent a lavender silk one last Christmas; Have you not one of those? And throw, have you not a lavender throw? Do these last Christmas Kimona's fit well? How I would love to see you but I am hoping that you can come on - Have one of the doctors got that Electrical treatment, such as Aunt Julia is using. I think that would be fine for you -

All is well here but Thomas & John have been doing some night work - A suit was decided against Thomas and now he has been working to get around the patents - Then the

Phonograph Works could almost shut down as they are getting very few orders for Phonographs - The record department is keeping up pretty well - The Baldwin Locomotive Works let off 10 000 men the other day more than half of their regular number - I imagine the panic will be felt more and more. However things may take a turn and brighten up - Thomas thinks that the little trouble he has had will make no difference about our going South - We are all happy here and tonight Thomas came up dancing as he had discovered a material as good as the Sapphire for the points in the Phonograph needles - One of the patents this company claims that Mr. Lippincott bought - It is a grand mix up and an unjust decision - They are glad of it, however, as now they will make some changes that they have wanted to make and this could not have come at a more opportune time. On account of the panic, business is slack and just before Thomas going South - I am so glad it did not happen after he got there -

Battery is progressing but slowly, no need of hurry + 4 Cement is shut down for the winter - That too is all right for all others are the same and now they are putting in this time to make some necessary additions - Everything is coming our way you see - Thomas has not had a stomach ache for two days - The decision of the court cured him - How's that?

Well darling goodnight - I hope that you will be able to make use of the silk which I have sent you - I hope it is the right colour for your rug - That is for you to use for the carpet or rug -

It is fine if Helen can be helped, I sincerely hope so.

Goodnight darling love to all
the other darlings - Lovingly Mina.

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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Mary Emily

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- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Dalton, George F
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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SEMINOLE LODGE
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

My darling Mother and Mary -

You were a dear to write Mary and I thank you for the letter. Some way down here it has been just as you say an effort to write letters but I have been housed nursing so much in fact ever since I have been here that I have had little time for writing - Theo. is very tyrannical, wants attention every moment one way or another which makes it very confining - He has been very sick poor little fellow and is still very unsettled - I am anxious every moment for fear that he may take additional cold - Margaret is reading to him now while I write a few lines, to you

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all - It has been an off year in some respects but if Theodore gets well soon it will be all right - I have feared serious ear trouble but Dr. Dalton thinks that things are clearing up and he is slowly gaining - It is so slow tho. Yesterday he played his April fool jokes upon everybody but was so disappointed to have to be in bed April fool's day. He was quite broken hearted about it - He's whole head seemed to be effected - Throat, Ears, nose and terrible headache with high fever & pulse - Dear little fellow looks pretty piqued (?)

I have a dozen letters if not more that I should write but I just can't seem to get them in - Margaret is very willing to help me and does a lot but I don't

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want to keep her at it all the time so things must rest a little time in the hopes that Theodore will soon be all right - Thomas is simply fine and his ear is healing beautifully - He will bury all the rest of us, I am sure - Every organ in his body is so sound and his whole constitution wonderful - Disposition that throws worry to the winds and seeming happy all the time. Loves it down here and is wallowing in the freedom from [illegible] business [illegible] - Fishing and reading all day long with naps thrown in - I wish you could see how fine he looks - After such a serious time it does seem so good to see him free of bandage and looking stronger each day - Mrs. Innis left us yesterday and it seems lonely without her. Paul is still off cruising and the hotel closes the

Seventh, so you see the end of the season is drawing near - the happy, free time is going fast -

I must go but let me hear from you soon - Darlings both, many, many times I have thought of those anniversary presents and I am sure that I have not thanked you but so many times have in heart & mind that I am not certain - Thomas thought the handkerchiefs perfectly great and gave one of his happy, beatific smiles and as for the dear little silver pieces - they give me much pleasure and I shall have them for the sick tray. You are both perfect dears to remember our special days - Instead of having the day spent as we expected we were watching anxiously the results of the operation - Do you know, sister dear, what I have done with two of your letters? I wanted something specially nice and appropriate to take over to Mr. Barr who is ill and I just thought what soft, comfortable articles those socks would be for him in bed so I sent 2 - It took me a long time to decide to part with them but you see they were real gifts - They felt very much flattered to get "mother's work." How dear every stitch of them seem to me and those covers, how I do cherish them. My dear little Mother! Now you and Mary are planning to come to us when we get home aren't you? I shall as well as Thomas will be very very disappointed if you do not come. We are fully expecting you.

Margaret and I are reconciled and things are moving again - I think it toned her features a little and what is more mine - Mlle Boguellette is certainly a dear and I have learned to love her very much. She has spoiled me to ever get on without her but she has given me higher aims in life to work for - I feel better when she is near to bring out the good instead of the bad instincts - Mercy, knows how sadly I need it all right.

I am so glad that the birds are doing nicely and that you can enjoy them - The cat efforts have been decided failures. I am so sorry for that - I never will get over the first cat. It was such a beauty and had such a tragic death -

Gracie, you probably have your hands full with Miss Weymouth ill and the school to look after. Can not you and Miss Weymouth come to visit me as soon as school closes? I would love to have you. I would love to have you with me all you can to be and can be this summer. I want Mother and Mary to come as soon as we get home and remain as long as they will and then you and Miss Weymouth come as soon as school closes. I don't want to encroach upon any of your time that you can more pleasantly fill but I simply want you to know that I would enjoy having you the first of the summer if you are going to the sea or any place the last part of it -

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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, John Vincent

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- Waymouth, Grace Cromwell
- Edison, Charles
- Upton, Margaret Storm (Mrs Francis R.)
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Dalton, George F
- Perine, Mary Elizabeth McCabe (Mrs John J.)
- Doyle, Michael
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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SEMINOLE LODGE
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

My dear John dear -

It was great to receive your letter this morning and I thank you for writing. I am glad Charles seemed so well but sorry that he could not go to Dunapue - I was very disappointed about that for I do like him to be associated with the finest that is possible to have. I am so desirous of forming fine friendships. Had a fine letter from Boquette too. I don't know of anyone coming into my life that has done so much for my inner self as she has - Mrs. Franks some way

John did you send $100 to Miss Weymouth for tutoring Charles in ~~the summer~~ 2 dollars an hour ~~to~~ hrs a day for 10 days, making one hundred dollars. If you have not will you send me a check right away and I will send it to her. She has the grippe and will give her them - Mina.

made me dissatisfied with myself but she always stirs up the rebellious or worse side in me some way but Boquelette gives me higher aims without the resentful attitude. Mrs. Beine makes me do certain things by faith in me but again that is different. Mrs. Upton is another spur for me. Is it not strange how many people one knows and yet they awaken nothing in you? I have now had the experience of a friends awakening influence and I am grateful for it although it makes my unworthiness all the more apparent.

Theodore is still ill in bed. He has been a very sick little boy and I have been greatly worried about his condition. Am still anxious for as he gets better it is so hard to keep him quiet if you leave him a minute he is out of bed or fretting around. I am so afraid that he will take additional cold or get tired. His pulse runs high and he has earache most all the time. Dr. Dalton thinks that it is clearing up slowly. It certainly is slow enough. Mr. Edison is in fine shape. His ear is almost closing up. It really is remarkable to see how small the hole is now when one thinks of the size that it was. He looks well too and is happy. I think sometimes it is better to let well enough alone when I think of fixing the other house up. In many ways it would be fine but it doubles everything and it might make the place a burden instead of a comfort. However when you think of it we could always dispose of things, could we not? It certainly would be nice to get the kitchen away from war and perhaps with two good workers it would be nothing at all - If Doyle was younger and less full I am sure he would be fine here - He may be all right anyway - He seems ambitious anyway - The only thing is that he seems a little uncertain about orders when you tell him to do things. You are compelled to follow him up -

Dont paint the greenhouse the dark green I am a little afraid to risk that radical move - It is a little too conspicuous and I think we had better get used to the other things first - Perhaps we can try that later - Charles seems to think that things look fine - Dear little man, I suppose everything looks beautiful to him - Do you love me, Johnnie dear, after living with me? Boquelette wrote such a dear letter but yours was sort of cold - Generally you have

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Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Mary Emily

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Chadbourne, Edwin Ruthvin
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller

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LLEWELLYN PARK

My darling mother & Mary. We have just been celebrating our darlings 62nd birthday by a birthday cake and a family dinner. He wanted no celebration this year from outside. It has been sweet dinner pleasant time Madeleine left us with Ralph Upson and chaperone for the Stephens Institute dance not expecting to return before morning. Took Conroy and George as body guards. I asked Conroy if he had his billet and he replied I have something better than that and Madeleine was

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armed with a[2] toy pistol so if they were held up coming home in the early morning on the flats they would be prepared. There were two dances on hand tonight. The Assemblies had Madeline's heart but for decency and old friendships sake she accepted Ralph's invitation. She knows no one at the Institute and all her friends were to be there at the Assembly. They were very anxious that I should come to chaperone in both instances but as it was "hubby's" birthday and I have so much to do I felt that it was wiser not to go out. I should also have read my Guild report at the Official Board meeting tonight but remained at home.[3] After Madeline got off. John and I sang a little for Thomas, Theodore went for bath and bed and then John departed for a lecture at the Y.M.C.A., he has returned and reported a fine time. Thomas and I remained at the piano a long time after John left us then came up to the "living room" - the true living room. When Charles had to leave us after his vacation we were sitting together in this same blessed living room. Charles ~~thought but~~ for a time and then looked about and said, "this is a pretty fine room to have to leave". Dear, old, appreciative darling! He is sweet and dear and I miss him terribly. We did hope that he would get home tonight, it being

Lincoln's birthday tomorrow but were disappointed - He will come tomorrow though for Sunday - Tom and his wife are to drop in upon us sometime Saturday or Sunday - He is very much better. I will enclose a letter he wrote me - Also we received a letter from Marion and their photo - Oscar sent me one of himself and wrote on the back - "For Mother Edison". I almost fainted - I felt almost or quite as matronly as the day when the Guild women wanted me to take the part of Martha Washington. Oh, my years a counting up - How I wish you were both coming to Florida - It was sweet to give that surprise to Lora I can imagine the loveliness and sweetness of it all - What a joy! The blessed, saintly atmosphere of it all, the peace & love! Ah, so beautiful. I should love to read Bishop Vincent's letter. I will return it - When you come on

GLENMONT
LLEWELLYN PARK

in May we will have Mrs. Lesan come out - How often I regret not having known about Uncle Milton at Seattle. It is too bad - Dr. Chadbourne died about the first of Jan. It was a great shock to me - He was a sweet man -

Madeleine did nicely at the musical - It was simply for the interested mothers held at one of the mothers' homes - It is impossible to follow Madeleine, she goes every minute - She is having a busy winter of it - Every night, luncheons teas, horse-back-riding, hockey contests, skating and men callers galore - We see nothing of her and the sad thing is that she likes it better & better - She is pretty, more than that, vivacious at times, and enjoys people. All are helping her in having a good time. Theodore keeps me as busy as ever. He is surrounded by animals. A pocket Monkey is the last acquisition. It goes South with us. His six little Strawberry Finches are darling and today three of them tried to get into the little bath at a time. My but they did make the water fly. It is the first time I have seen them bathe and they certainly enjoyed it. I have tried deep water and in fact put them right into the bowl of water in our bathroom somebody saying that they would bathe in deep water. To my surprise they started in today in the little basin which we leave in the cage all the time. I wish you might have seen the excitement. Sunny comes in for his share of attention and then two little five cent gold fish. All are booked for Florida but Madeleine says that if we take the birds she will take a motor train. She dislikes them as much as Theodore loves them all. His teeth are troubling him considerable just now as Doctor is arranging the wires to be kept a certain way while we are away. We are certainly in his clutches. I am pretty well along in our packing but still innumerable things to do. Mrs. Perrin was helping me all day today and is coming again tomorrow. She is great too at getting at the bottom of things. We hope to start Tuesday – Thomas got his machine for filling battery tubes to working beautifully today – birthday celebration – Well goodnight – John is going to stay all night – Mr. & Mrs. Gregory are coming to call tomorrow. I must take a bath & then to bed – Madeleine will probably walk in about five tomorrow morning –

With love – Lovingly

Mina or

"Mother Edison".

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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Edison, Charles

Mentioned

- Upton, Margaret Storm (Mrs Francis R.)
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Bogue, Edward Augustus
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Storm, Helen (Mrs Edward)

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My dear, old Charles.

We miss you terribly - Madeleine is having the rehearsal here tonight and it is really amusing to watch them struggle through their parts. Papa is asleep in the Den, Miss McWilliams lies in the living room on the lounge Miss Hess retired and Theodore retired. Miss Hess does the sensible thing she goes to bed and does not lie about on lounges with her mouth open. Why is it people will do that? George is to take his departure and possibly Earnest so we are having good times in that line - I have my tooth still with me - Madeleine and I are going into New York tomorrow and I shall later in the doctor. I am glad that you did not start in on Dr. Bogue. A Dr. Adams out here seems very nice indeed. I shall use him hereafter. He helped me out in time of trouble. It seems as if all my teeth hurt now thanks to Dr. Bogue. He hangs on like grim death when he gets you. Mrs. Upton's mother died and I ought to write to her tonight. I think I shall send some flowers to her and a telegram tomorrow instead however. Letters are so hard to write in such a case. It is getting late, my face aches, and I am tired.

Goodnight, dearie one.

Lovingly, mother.

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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Edison, Charles

Mentioned

- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Bogue, Edward Augustus

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Glenmont.

My darling Charles – My head aches tonight and I am disgusted with the idea that I have to get up at day break to go in to Dr. Bogue's about my tooth. I have been having an ulcerated tooth which has been most annoying – Then Tom has been very ill all this time and is still very ill and I have to go down to him on Tuesday again. Poor boy he is certainly in a very bad condition. I am going to try to get Madeleine to go with me but I suppose it will be selfish of me as it is a hard trip for her and she needs her strength. Bob Mills was with us most of the afternoon and Mr. Condict took supper and Mr. Merick has just come in - Tomorrow night is the rehearsal again - So thus it goes - Miss McGilliams is still here. Miss Hess with Theodore for the month. Mrs. Judd has a reading here on Friday and the hospital is having all sorts of things - It drives one nearly wild with all the engagements. Charlie I have not forgotten your box and will try to get it off this week - I want to come up once before commencement if I can work it. Charlie we had another warning as to your cuts making 10 in all - Please be careful - Lean with a clean sheet and record. When do your examinations come and can you come back with us the 14th or commencement time? Theodore was in bed and I had my cuddle with him, he wanted to know where I would be, I said in the sitting room writing to brother and he said "give "bud" my love". It came so heartily and unexpectedly that I was delighted - He thinks "bud" is all right as we all do.

George leaves us in the morning - Your motor-cycle came and Theodore is possessed to run it - I think we shall miss George in many ways but hope that the new man will be good. Uncle John says that he is rather on the Bossy type. It does not sound promising - Goodnight, dearie Charles. Are you coming down next Sunday - I hope you can if you miss nothing by it. We all long to see you as you know.

Lovingly Mother.

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Title
[FA001AAT], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Charles Edison, June 1st, 1909

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Edison, Charles

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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GLENMONT
LLEWELLYN PARK

My dearie Charlie -

You see I have been to Ohio and back again - I would love to have been with you for Sunday but I felt it my opportunity for Grandmother. Now Charlie be sure to study and pass in every thing - My Charlie how embarrassed we should be to get up there and not have you get your diploma - You dont really think that there is any danger of that, do you? Papa is coming up too - Oh, Charlie dont disappoint us - That would be terrible. When do you take the Tech. examinations? I think Madeleine, Miss Bogue, Theo. & I will get up there the tenth and Papa will come in the car Friday afternoon - We all returning together in the car - How is that arrangement? Can you get us rooms in the Inn? Engage them right away you had better. Dont fail us! Please!! I will send a box to you this week - Madeleine's birthday cake will be the cake - We had two - She made hers at the house and another at the exchange. A mistake as I did not know that Mary was making one. I wish I knew just what you would enjoy but will do the best that I can.

Madeleine is off on another canoe party - I have said about ten words to her since my return home - She is so occupied with the play and then the party tonight. We have not had time for her birthday yet - She feels very much hurt to think that you did not remember her birthday - Some way she takes everything as a matter of fact when we remember her but if she is forgotten she feels it very much. Theo. loves to have you write to him or notice him - He is very proud of his big brother. Thank you for my postals.

Miss Mc Dr. & Miss Hess are fixtures I guess - There seems to be no sign of their disappearance and Miss Bogue is waiting to come in - I seem to be able to surround myself with dependants if I can't get other friends to come to see me. They stick closer than a brother. I should be thankful that I am not doomed to a hermit's life - Such as the above save me from that calamity -

Aunt Louise went through today. She has gone on to Chautauqua - Jr. wants Madeleine & me to come up to the base-ball game on Saturday - I want to go so as to see something of Madeleine and then I think that it will be interesting. They are all going to Chautauqua -

Madeleine is going to Annisquam from Lakeville so we will not have her through June. Will you come down with us? Theodore goes to camp the 30th of June. I don't know how I am going to let him go when the time comes - What do you suppose he will do? Never having done the first thing for himself.

Well, Charlie, how are you? Have you felt worse for not coming down to see the doctor?

With bushels of kisses & love.

Lovingly mother -

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My darling Mother. John and I have been comparing notes today and we both had the same report to make- No letters this past week from Oak Place- It seems that we are forgotten entirely- Dearie I do not want you to over-tax yourself but I should think with Louis, Mary, Grace, Ina, Cora, Margaret and Elizabeth there we might have had one letter at least. What are you all doing? So busy talking over the trip that you can't send a line to let us know that all

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is well. We are going on the principle, "No news is good news". Mr. Schenck has just called in and taken tea with us, now leaving for Rahway an hour's ride from here in his Auto taking John with him dropping him at his boarding place on the way. It seems so strange to have John down town when we have the empty house here but it seems to work better this way so I guess it is right. John is more independent perhaps and likes it so. Thomas is not feeling first class. His stomach has been troubling him considerably these last two days and he has gone to bed now hoping to get relief - I sincerely trust that he will feel better by morning -

We are hoping to go to Theodore the last of the week and Charlie is coming home from his cruise tomorrow. Madeline is to meet us some where en route. She is still at Edgartown, Mass. It seems that she is having a fine time all right. It will seem strange to be here to welcome all my family and neighbors home. They will soon all be coming in. Just think the summer is almost over. Tomorrow Mr. Porter is coming out again and Tuesday I am going into New York to see what I can about materials etc. for my bed room, etc. I wish that I could do something nice when I do it. I would like it exceptional, you know.

Mary is back after her sickness, Mollie is coming back the 1st of Sept. Anna is now having a little vacation and I have a new man in Earnest's place. Conroy & family are progressing nicely; Frank and his family are in good condition - so much for domestics - Our little heifer growing beautifully, 28 more chickens, two ducks of Theodore's almost grown up, he will be astonished to see them - Jimmy in misery most of the time from fleas - Horses & Cows in clover and all is well, so much for live stock. Our manilla corn the joy of the season - Grapes galore - Goodnight, God bless you all, Lovingly Mina.
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